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What is claimed is:

- 5 1. An input method combining verbal and handwritten inputs, the input method comprising:
- utilizing a speech recognition algorithm to generate a first list according to verbal input; utilizing a character recognition algorithm to
- 10 generate a second list according to handwritten input;
- generating a third list that is an intersection of characters common to the first list and the second list; and
- 15 presenting at least a character from the third list to a user.
2. The input method of claim 1 further comprising providing at least a database from which characters
- 20 are selected by the speech recognition algorithm and the character recognition algorithm to fill the first list and the second list, respectively.
3. The input method of claim 2 further comprising
- 25 adding a first character to the database, the first character generated by the user using an auxiliary input method.
4. The input method of claim 3 wherein the speech
- 30 recognition algorithm utilizes a first standard for speech recognition, and adapts the first standard to verbal characteristics of the user.

5. The input method of claim 4 wherein the verbal characteristics of the user corresponding to the first character are added to the database.

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6. The input method of claim 3 wherein the character recognition algorithm utilizes a second standard for character recognition, and adapts the second standard to handwriting characteristics of the user.

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7. The input method of claim 6 wherein the handwriting characteristics of the user corresponding to the first character are added to the database.

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8. The input method of claim 3 wherein the auxiliary input method involves the use of a keyboard to generate the first character.